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## CHEMISTS BRAND WILEY PURE FOOD IDEAS AS WRONG

President's Board Decides  
Preservative Is Not  
Dangerous.

REPORTS AFTER LONG  
AND CAREFUL TESTS

Chief Chemist's Friends Say Reputa-  
tion of His Position May  
Cause Resignation.

By J. C. WELLIVER.  
Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief  
chemist and pure food expert, has  
been flatly turned down by President  
Roosevelt's referee board of  
consulting chemists in pure food  
matters.

The board decides squarely  
against Dr. Wiley as to the use of  
benzoate of soda, which has been the  
primary bone of contention around  
which for years has raged the battle  
of pure food, between the ideal-  
ists and the food manufacturers.

So sweeping is the decision of the  
board, and so complete the repudiation  
of Dr. Wiley's position, that there is  
suspicion that he may sever his con-  
nection with the Government service.  
A high Government official, familiar  
with the workings of the pure food  
administration and with the long fight  
Dr. Wiley has waged, expressed the opinion  
today that he would resign.

Dr. Wiley, however, when seen, de-  
clined to discuss the matter. He had  
just returned to the city, and had not  
had information concerning the decision  
until it was conveyed to him by a re-  
porter. He was asked if the decision  
impressed him as a repudiation of his  
course, but he declined to make any  
statement, though he listened with much  
attention to the general statement of  
what the referee board had found.

Refuses Statement.

"I have nothing whatever to say at  
this time," he said.

"But doubtless you will have a state-  
ment to make later?"

"I don't know whether I will have or  
not; certainly not before I shall have  
seen, and had opportunity to digest  
the full report."

The action of the board will be for-  
mally announced tomorrow. This is  
the first case referred to it under its  
commission from the President to be  
decided. The board consists of Presi-  
dent Roosevelt, of Johns Hopkins Uni-  
versity; Prof. A. L. Taylor, University  
of California; Prof. Russell H. Chittenden,  
of Yale; Prof. Christian A. Herter,  
New York; Prof. John H. Long, North-  
western University. It was appointed  
as a sort of appellate court of appeal,  
at the instance of protesting food  
manufacturers, who declared that Dr.  
Wiley's board was prejudiced, unreason-  
able, and committed to a course so  
unfriendly to them as to amount to a  
great menace to their business even  
when that business was carried on in  
the most punctilious way.

The real set of questions for the board  
to decide relate to the use of the various  
preservatives which have been used un-  
der the ban or the use of which has  
been strictly limited, under the orders  
of Dr. Wiley. These preservatives, the  
question of whose use has already been  
put up to the referee, are:

Chemicals in Question.

Benzole acid and its various salts,  
especially sodium benzoate.

Sulphate of copper.

Saccharine.

As sodium benzoate has been looked  
upon by Dr. Wiley as the worst of  
fender, and as it gets away with a  
clean bill of health, the expectation is  
that the three others, concerning which  
there has been sharp difference of  
opinion, will likewise be let  
off. This will mean a revolution in the  
administration of the pure food act, and  
constitutes the most sweeping victory  
for the food manufacturers.

The board adopted the plan originated  
by Dr. Wiley, that of establishing  
"poison squads," and trying the pre-  
servative "the hard way." At present  
the Government departments here, as  
the referee board formed like groups at  
educational institutions, using young men

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## WEATHER REPORT.

The unsettled weather has gradually  
cleared away this side of the Rocky  
except in the Great Lake region and  
the North Atlantic Coast States. One  
storm is centered this morning in the  
Lake Superior region, while another  
rainstorm is overspreading the Pacific  
coast. The temperature is rising in the  
Northwest, but nevertheless it is  
yet considerably above the seasonal  
average. In other sections the tempera-  
ture is still very high for January.  
Some precipitation will probably occur  
in the North Atlantic States and the  
Great Lake region, but elsewhere fair  
weather will prevail this side of the  
Western mountains. Temperatures will  
continue high in the Southern States  
and be somewhat lower in the North  
Central States.

FORECAST FOR DISTRICT.  
Partly cloudy tonight and Monday;  
continued high temperature; light south-  
west winds.

TEMPERATURE.  
7 a. m. 31.1; 8 a. m. 31.1; 9 a. m. 31.1;  
10 a. m. 31.1; 11 a. m. 31.1; 12 m. 31.1;  
1 p. m. 31.1; 2 p. m. 31.1; 3 p. m. 31.1;  
4 p. m. 31.1; 5 p. m. 31.1; 6 p. m. 31.1;  
7 p. m. 31.1; 8 p. m. 31.1; 9 p. m. 31.1;  
10 p. m. 31.1; 11 p. m. 31.1; 12 m. 31.1.

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises 7:12; sets 5:12.

TIDE TABLE.  
Today—high tide, 10 a. m. and 10:22  
p. m.; low tide, 4:12 a. m. and 4:22 p. m.  
Tomorrow—high tide, 10:32 a. m. and  
11:15 p. m.; low tide, 5 a. m. and 5:12  
p. m.

## UNABLE TO LOCATE WEALTHY OHIO AN

David Peoples Last Seen in  
This City on Wednes-  
day Morning.

VICTIM OF FOUL  
PLAY, SAY POLICE

Had Nearly Six Thousand Dollars  
in His Possession When He  
Disappeared.

Deepest mystery shrouds the disap-  
pearance of David W. Peoples, a  
wealthy hardware manufacturer, of  
Athens, Ohio, who has been missing  
from this city since last Wednesday  
under circumstances that lead the police  
to believe that he has met with foul  
play.

Mr. Peoples was last seen at the Union  
Trust Company building, Fifteenth and  
H streets northwest, at 10 o'clock  
Wednesday morning. He is known to  
have had between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in  
cash with him, and detectives, who  
started to work on the case this morn-  
ing, say they believe he was lured to  
some lonely spot near Washington  
and was robbed, and, perhaps, mur-  
dered.

Prosecuting Attorney Israel M. Fos-  
ter, of Athens county, Ohio, a brother-  
in-law of the missing man, and Robert  
H. Stevenson, general manager of the  
Hardwood Finish Company of Athens,  
arrived in Washington this morning and  
are assisting the Washington authori-  
ties in the search.

Up to a late hour this afternoon the  
police had been unable to get the slight-  
est clue to Peoples' whereabouts.

Peoples is well-known in Washington,  
having been in this city part of the  
time for the last three years. He fur-  
nished all of the handsome interior  
woodwork for the new House of Repre-  
sentatives office building, and has also  
handled a number of other large Gov-  
ernment and private contracts in this  
city.

Mr. Peoples arrived in Washington  
about a month ago. Having completed  
several contracts for hardwood interior  
work, he started out Wednesday to col-  
lect several thousand dollars that was  
due.

He went to the Union Trust building,  
where he received checks amounting to  
more than \$1,000.

That Mr. Peoples did not get the  
checks converted into cash with an idea  
of going away voluntarily is evidenced  
by the fact that there was nearly \$10,000  
due him in this city from other sources.  
There is also between \$3,000 and \$5,000  
due him from the United States Govern-  
ment for his work on the House office  
building.

The fact that Peoples had been miss-  
ing under circumstances that seem to  
indicate foul play was not made known  
to the police this morning, when Mr.  
Foster and Mr. Stevenson laid the case  
before Inspector Boardman.

The following description has been  
furnished every policeman in the Dis-  
trict, while a general alarm has been  
sent out to all large cities in the coun-  
try:

"David W. Peoples, forty years old,  
five feet eight or nine inches tall, 135  
pounds, light complexion, light hair,  
blue eyes, smooth face, two fingers off  
one hand, slight limp in one leg, wore  
dark brown suit with invisible  
stripe, soft brown hat."

"Shiner's button and Scottish plaid  
ring and thirty-second degree Mason  
badge." Had more than \$3,000 in his  
possession. Believed to have met with  
foul play, seen at 10 a. m. Wednes-  
day in the Union Trust Building in this  
city.

"Locate and notify this office."

Mr. Foster, brother-in-law of the miss-  
ing man, believes that Peoples was lured  
out of the city by some one who knew  
that he had a large amount of money  
on his person, and this belief is shared  
by the police.

DRUM MAJOR ASKS  
TO GIVE UP HIS JOB

From the proud position, where for  
thirty years he has been the object  
of emulation, admiration, and even  
hero worship, Drum Major Ludwig  
Jorgensen, of the Engineer Corps  
Band, has been retired at his own re-  
quest by the War Department.

Six feet 2 inches in height, weigh-  
ing over 200 pounds, and with a fine  
carriage, Jorgensen has led more  
noted parades than any other man in  
the service. His appearances in the  
band have been the highlight of the  
ceremonies at the Grant and Dewey pa-  
rades in New York, and the last two in-  
augural parades.

He was born in Denmark, and in  
1877 became drum major of the First  
Artillery. Five years later he be-  
came drum major of the Engineer  
Corps Band, William Mould, of the  
engineers, will take his place.

## BOMB HURLED; TAKEN FOR AN EARTHQUAKE

Chicago's Italian Quarter Panic-Stricken When Big  
Building Is Wrecked By Dynamite—Believed to Be  
Work of Black Hand.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 24.—The whole  
West side was shocked and shaken  
early today by a terrific dynamite ex-  
plosion that wrecked a new three-story  
building in course of construction at  
96 Miller street, near Taylor street,  
in the heart of the ghetto.  
The wrecked building was owned by  
Pasquale Narabny, of 1010 Miller street,  
and the police express the belief that  
the Black Hand society intended to  
wreak an awful vengeance on Narabny  
by not only destroying his new build-  
ing, but wrecking the house in which  
he lived and killing him.  
Within a minute after the explosion  
the hundreds of Italian residents of the  
district, who had gone to bed with the  
thought of Messina in their minds, had  
been in terror to the streets, in the un-  
reasoning belief that another Sicilian  
horror had come upon them. They

# BALTIC HOLDS REPUBLIC'S PASSENGERS AT SEA IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE LINER



MRS. JOHN T. DAVIS,  
Sister-in-Law of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, Rescued From Sinking Republic.

## KNOX AND HITCHCOCK NOW IN CHARLESTON

Future Cabinet Ministers  
Conferring With Presi-  
dent-elect Taft.

By JAMES HAY, JR.  
CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 24.—Presi-  
dent-elect Taft will have conferences  
here this afternoon with Senator Phil-  
ander C. Knox, his Secretary of State,  
and Frank H. Hitchcock, his Postmas-  
ter General, both of whom arrived this  
morning, from Washington.

Although no official pronouncement  
can be had about the subjects of con-  
ference other than that they cover the  
Cabinet situation, it is generally re-  
ported that one of the principal things  
to be decided is whether Charles F.  
Nagel, national committeeman from  
Missouri, is to be given the place of  
Secretary of Commerce and Labor, in  
the next Administration.

This arises from the fact that Mis-  
souri Republicanism has shown itself  
to be widely divided on the proposed  
appointment of Mr. Nagel, who has  
been boomed for the place by Walter  
Dickey, chairman of the State's com-  
mittee. Dickey and Nagel represent  
the two main factions in the State.

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MISS GRACE ATWATER,  
Washington Artist Who Was Passenger  
on Wrecked Boat.

## BEAUTIFUL GIRL BRUTALLY SLAIN

Murderer Escapes and Case  
Puzzles Dayton, Ohio,  
Police.

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 24.—Showing  
every evidence of criminal assault, the  
body of Mary Forschner, beautiful  
fifteen-year-old step-daughter of Robert  
Geppert, a merchant, was found in the  
stable of Gratia C. Kennedy, a wealthy  
suburban resident, at 1 o'clock this  
morning. Indications upon the ground  
showed that the girl had made a des-  
perate resistance to save her life before  
she was choked to death.

Up to noon today the police confessed  
that they had no tangible clue to work  
upon in their effort to find the mur-  
derer, although three persons have been  
taken into custody. One is a factory  
employee, Charles Snyder, by name, who  
was a former inmate of the Geppert home.  
Suspicion was directed against him first  
by the statement of Leo Kunkel, a  
barber, who said that Snyder came into  
his shop about 7 o'clock, half an hour  
after the murder is supposed to have  
taken place, and, acting in a frightened  
manner, went to a basin and washed  
his head and blood from his hands.

He was shaved and went away. The  
police place little credence in Kunkel's  
statement, but Snyder is locked in police  
station as a witness. Kunkel is also  
held as a witness.

In a Lonely Spot.

Miss Forschner left home soon after  
6 o'clock Saturday evening to make a  
weekly payment of \$9 to the Dayton  
Savings and Loan Company.

Across the street from Geppert's  
home is a high stone fence surrounding  
a vacant lot, and, alongside of it, a  
curb runs the pavement to a car line  
three blocks distant. The girl, it is  
supposed, was attacked by some one  
who hid behind the telephone pole and  
dealt her a blow on the head.

Aged Victim of Assault

Now Believed to Be Dying

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 24.—Report-  
ed early this morning as dying, Mrs.  
Catherine Gray, over seventy years old,  
is believed by the surgeons at the hos-  
pital here to have a fractured skull.

The aged woman was found Saturday  
morning on the floor of the sandy  
and tobacco shop at 181 Abbott street,  
which she has conducted since the death  
of her husband about a year ago. By  
her side was a hickory bludgeon over  
four feet long, with which she had been  
violently assaulted by an unknown man  
who rifled the cash drawer and fled.

The police are still working on the  
case, but have no clue to the assailant.

Elderly Night Watchman

Is Killed at Lock Plant

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 24.—George  
Wolf, night watchman of the Columbus  
Nail and Lock Company, was killed  
this morning by a car, who  
broke into the lock company plant. He  
was struck on the head several times  
with a piece of heavy pipe and when  
found was unresponsive. He died at 9  
o'clock at Mercy Hospital. Wolf was  
an elderly man and could not combat  
the intruders with any effect. It is  
supposed that he cornered the robbers  
and that they turned upon him.

TEXAS OIL DECISION

COMPLETE VICTORY

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 24.—It is said in  
the Attorney General's Department that  
the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, which  
has been ousted from Texas and fined  
\$100,000, cannot evade the master judg-  
ment by merely reorganizing.

Attorneys of the company will be ad-  
ministered by the State receiver, who  
already is in charge of the properties,  
and he will dispose of the company's  
business in Texas as quickly as pos-  
sible. Should an outright sale of its  
holdings in this be made, it will be to  
interests that are widely independent  
of the parties now identified with the  
company.

Sharp reductions in Men's and Boy's  
Suits, Hats, Shoes, Socks & Co.,  
Penn. Ave. and 7th—Adv.

## CAPTAIN TO TOW DISABLED VESSEL BACK TO NEW YORK

Dense Fog Again Settles Down, Making Work of Saving  
the Steamer More Hazardous—Officers and  
Crew Stick to Ship.

## FOUR LIVES BELIEVED LOST IN CRASH

Wireless Still Plays Important Role, Bringing Assurances  
of Safety From Victims to Anxious Relatives—Start  
to Be Made This Evening.

SPECIAL BY WIRELESS TO THE TIMES.  
(Via Vineyard Haven and Boston.)

ON BOARD THE BALTIC, Jan. 24.—The White Star  
liner Republic, rammed in a collision with the Florida in  
the fog of early yesterday, still floats.

The steamer Baltic, laden with 1,700 rescued souls  
taken from the two ships, will leave this afternoon for New  
York harbor towing with her the disabled Republic.

Captain Sealby has refused to leave his apparently  
doomed vessel, believing that it may yet be saved.

The American liner New York has now reached the  
scene and will assist the Baltic in the effort not only to  
save passengers but now to save the ship itself.

Four steerage passengers on the Republic are known  
to have been killed when the Florida's steel bow crashed  
through the starboard of the outwardbound White Star  
liner. They were evidently asleep at the time of the terrific  
impact.

Three others, it is believed, will die as a result of in-  
juries. A number of others are slightly injured, but in the  
confusion which followed the disaster, there has been lit-  
tle time to ascertain the nature of the injuries.

The Florida, herself badly disabled, is still on the scene  
but in no shape to render aid.

## REPUBLIC MAY REACH NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The latest news  
from the White Star liner Baltic, carry-  
ing the passengers from the Republic  
of the same line, which was rammed  
yesterday off Nantucket was received  
here in the form of a Marconigram at  
8:30 this morning.

This message was sent by the captain  
of the Baltic to the White Star line of-  
fices at Bowling Green. It read as fol-  
lows:

"Republic afloat. Baltic on way to  
her. Ransom."

At the offices of the line it was said  
that the Baltic had lost sight of the  
Republic about 6 o'clock last night, but  
that the fog had lifted a little and when  
it was discovered that the injured ves-  
sel was being kept afloat by her water-  
tight compartments, Captain Ransom  
determined to stand by her and if pos-  
sible to tow her to New York.

Left to His Judgment.

He notified his superiors of his de-  
cision, and was told to use his own  
judgment, and take whatever course  
seemed best, consistent with the safety  
and speed of his passengers.

After getting sight of the Republic  
the fog began to settle down, and at 2  
o'clock this afternoon was reported very  
thick all along the coast.

If Captain Ransom should decide to  
tow the Republic to New York, it is  
probable that he could not maintain a  
speed of more than ten knots, in  
which case he would not be able to land  
the passengers until late tomorrow af-  
ternoon. If, however, he decides to  
leave the Republic, he would be able to  
make port in about ten hours from his  
time of starting.

The officials at the White Star line  
offices declared today positively that  
they have received no confirmation of  
the late reports printed in the morning  
papers that four passengers of the Re-  
public had been killed when the Florida  
stove in the big liner.

Friends at Ease.

The widespread news of the success-  
ful transfer of the 700 aboard the Re-  
public to the Baltic had the effect of  
putting at ease thousands of people who  
had relatives or friends on the disabled  
boat.

It was signed "A. A. White."  
Mr. White was on his way to meet  
his wife and daughter, who had been  
in Rome for the past year.

The Italian Lloyd, to which line the  
Florida belongs, could give no informa-  
tion as to the fate or course of that  
vessel. The agent declared that, as the  
Florida had no wireless, he was obliged  
to rely on the press for all of his news  
concerning her.

Pale, haggard, and restless after an  
all-day vigil yesterday, marked by the  
foundering of their ship and the pos-  
sibility that the wireless signals for aid  
would not be in time, the passengers of  
the two ill-fated ships are bearing as  
best they can the delay in getting them  
to port. Their quarters are cramped,  
the space on the Baltic being totally in-  
adequate for the combined crews and  
hundreds of passengers of three ships,  
and mixed indiscriminately, immigrant,  
emigrant, and men and women of wealth

Bothered by Fog.

The fog which caused the collision be-  
tween the two big liners has resulted  
in a number of minor accidents today  
affecting boats which were called to the  
rescue by wireless and which have  
themselves become involved in the  
murky darkness of the atmosphere.

The United States revenue cutter  
Gresham, according to an unofficial  
dispatch from Vineyard Haven, is  
anchored off Plum Island. She no doubt  
ran ashore in the dense fog which hangs  
over the coast while en route to aid her  
larger sister vessel.

The revenue cutter Mohawk, which  
went ashore in New Bedford harbor  
after starting for the scene of the  
wreck, was pulled off early this morn-  
ing and has steamed away. No word  
has since been received from her and  
it is believed that she is endeavoring  
to reach the Republic.